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1. An uncontrolled reliable informant reported that the following named, employed by the State of Israel Legation in Rome, carry out politico-military intelligence activity and that each is in possession of keys to the radio, photo lab, and archives offices of the Legation which they often visit at night:
  - a) ~~X~~ CROSS Edmund
  - b) ~~X~~ DU-PRATE Bernard, Austrian, formerly domiciled at Via Bernabè Orlandi 32;
  - c) ~~X~~ PACKER Alfredo, alias BECKER;
  - d) ~~X~~ AVIV (AVIT) Dan, father: Ituro, mother: Enrichetta LALIGLIANO, born at Rivoli on 4 December 1922, bearer of diplomatic passport No. 01877 living at Via Cressenzio 43, married to Rosina BARDUCCO, father: Michele, mother: Teresa VALINZU, born at Turin on 24 January 1921.
2. CROSS uses an American Plymouth automobile, license T.4069 and DOW uses a Morrison, license KHC 118. PACKER and AVIV use automobile bearing license LI 108049. This automobile is also used from time to time by DOW-PIUTTER.
3. Head of the Israel Intelligence Service is Asher ~~X~~ BEN HATAN, born at Vienna on 15 February 1918, who travels under the cover of Israel Consular Inspector. He is in possession of service passport No. 71 issued at Hakiryu on 20 December 1948. He was in Rome from 2 to 4 and later from 15 to 18 November 1949. He again came to Rome, coming from Tel Aviv on 13 December 1949, staying at the Hotel Plaza, leaving on the plane for Milan on 16 December 1949.
4. On 15 November BEN HATAN was accompanied by ~~X~~ ARNOLD JUSTITZ, born at Metz on 19 October 1920, official of the State of Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs, bearer of service passport No. 219 issued at Hakiryu on 24 April 1949 and by ~~X~~ SHULAMIT, born at Hadera on 16 June 1924, unmarried, employee, resident of Tel Aviv, bearer of passport No. 01974 issued at Hakiryu on 16 February 1949. The latter departed for Israel on 24 November 1949.
5. During his stay in Rome, Ben HATAN visited the Israel Legation and received at the Hotel two Legation officials. In addition he had long talks with:
  - a) CROSS Edmund;
  - b) ~~X~~ BENTLEY Alfred, born at Lins on 2 May 1929, British citizen, domiciled at London, bearer of passport No. 853648 issued at London on 28 June 1947. BENTLEY had stayed at the Hotel Plaza from 26 October to 5 November 1949, with his wife, Rosalind CROSS, born at Sittingbourne on 7 June 1926, housewife, British citizen, passport No. 859935 issued at Copenhagen on 5 August 1948.
6. BENTLEY allegedly is another important element of the Israel Intelligence service and allegedly engages in certain activity in Milan.

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